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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Further Explorations into Maritime Infiltration Problem**

1. On 9 August, [redacted]

[redacted] met with me for further explorations into the possibility of developing recommendations for improving the interdiction effort against seaborne infiltration of material for the Viet Cong in South Vietnam.

2. After considerable discussion, it was decided to broaden the scope of our inquiries so as to encompass the entire maritime infiltration problem, in all its complexities, rather than, as had been initially envisaged, focus on the specific exploitation of the captured Viet Cong's report regarding maritime infiltration-associated dock facilities at Haiphong.

3. As a starter in this broader inquiry, the following actions were assigned:

a. [redacted] make a survey in some detail of the measures now being carried out by US/Vietnamese air and naval forces to interdict maritime infiltration.

b. [redacted] will monitor an ongoing NPIC review of photography of shipping in the Haiphong harbor with a view to the possible isolation of infiltration vessels, using the POW report as the point of departure.

c. The Geographic Division/OBI will prepare a preliminary study defining the areas along the South Vietnamese coast most likely to be points of entry for VC maritime infiltration vessels.

4. Addressees will be kept routinely informed on this SA/VA project.

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